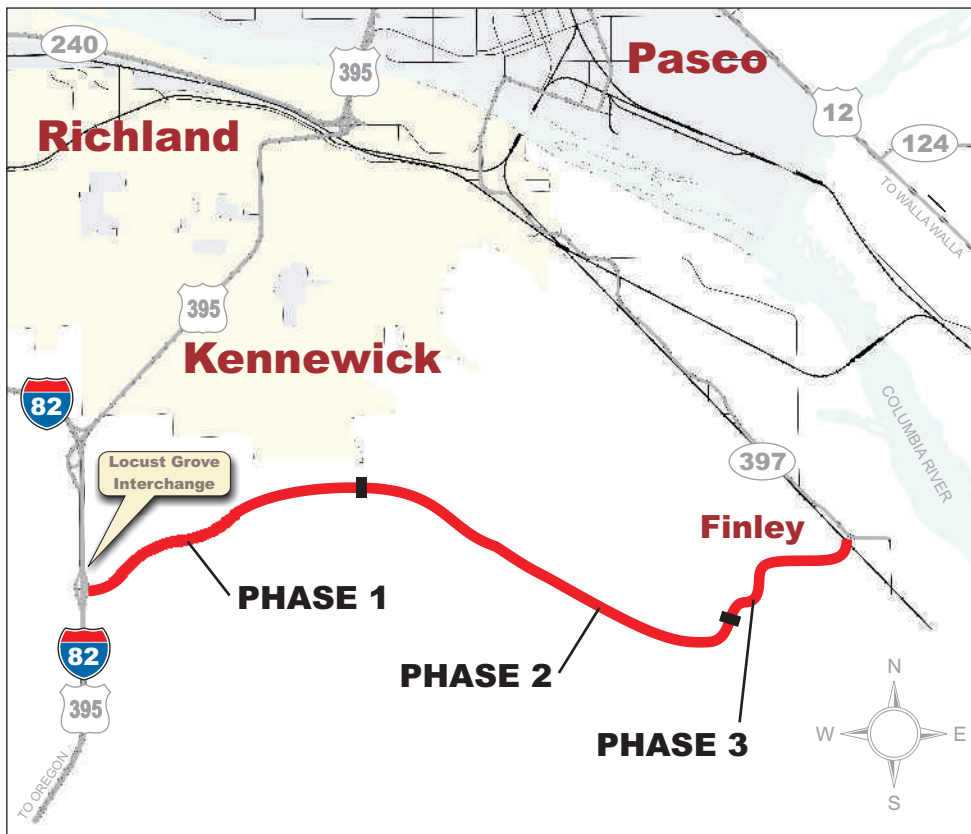




I-82 to SR 397 Intertie



Phase 1 - Completed November 2004



Phase 2 - New Intersection Construction



Phase 2 - Crushed Rock Being Placed

Project Purpose

- Relieve traffic congestion in Kennewick and improve freight mobility by allowing industrial and farm-to-market truck traffic to access the Finley and south Kennewick industrial and agricultural areas while bypassing the populated Tri-Cities area
- Improve the roadway network and provide a secondary access route in and out of Finley
- Provide a crucial transportation link within Benton County's system of roads, rail, and river barge facilities

Project Description

- Construct 10 miles of new two-lane roadway to WSDOT standards with 12-foot lanes and 6-foot shoulders
- Construct a center turn lane in the more urban area of Finley
- Construct an overpass at the Burlington Northern railroad crossing

Estimated Total Project Cost

Total: \$14.6 million (WSDOT Share: \$5.8 million)

Project Timeline

Phase 1, from I-82 to Olympia Street, was completed in November 2004. Construction of Phase 2, from Olympia Street to Finley Road, is currently underway, and will be open to traffic in the fall of 2006. Rock for the roadway base has been crushed and is being placed on the first two miles of this project, and work has started on a new retaining wall.

Funding

WSDOT is partnering with Benton County and is only providing a portion of the funding. The Washington State legislature has appropriated \$5.0 million towards construction of Phases 1 and 2.

For More Information

WSDOT – South Central Region

Moe Davari, Project Engineer

1655 Fowler Street

Richland, WA 99352

Phone – (509) 222-2402

E-mail – DavariM@wsdot.wa.gov